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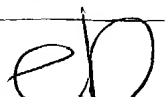
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/684,230	Applicant(s) STONE, JEFFREY W.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's Remarks of 1/12/04. The Examiner finds that Applicant's narrowing of the claims by including language to "consisting essentially of" does not overcome the prior art. In particular, the prior art combines two metals, selected from metals included in Applicant's claims, and contains no other materials that would separate this art from the pending claims.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-10, 12, 16 and 18-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benini.

Benini discloses the invention substantially as claimed. Benini discloses a projectile comprising an admixture of metal powders, wherein said admixture comprises:

a first metal powder selected from a first group comprising Cu, Fe, Ni, Au, Ag, Pb, Cr and their alloys (col. 2, lines 63-65);

a second metal powder selected from a second group comprising Sn, Zn, Ga, Ge, Si, Ar, Al, In, An, Pb, Bi and their alloys (col. 3, lines 1-3).

Benini further discloses wherein his projectile is formed of unsintered metal particles in an intermetallic brittle metal binder (col. 4, lines 49-55).

Benini further discloses wherein the projectile may be fully dense or porous (col. 5, lines 43-50).

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Benini further discloses examples with projectile density ranging from 6.53 g/cc to 7.27 g/cc (0.236 lb/in³ to 0.263 lb/in³) (col. 7, lines 31-38).


Benini further discloses an example wherein the powder size broadly overlaps that as claimed by Applicant (see Example 1), and leaves the general disclosure to one of ordinary skill in the art to select powder size based on the desired degree of frangibility. The Examiner finds that the selection of combinations from the small group of metals listed as first and second metal powders would result in densities within that claimed by Applicant, additionally providing motivation to modify density base on material selection to be compatible with desired ballistics (see col. 2, lines 5-19).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Jenkins whose telephone number is 571-272-1242. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 6:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on 571-272-1242. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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